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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)**

**Date: 17 July 2008**

**Subject: Formal Response to Scrutiny Recommendations – Services for 8-13 year olds**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 During 2007/2008, the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) carried out an inquiry into services for 8-13 year olds. The board published a report setting out its conclusions and recommendations in April 2008.
- 1.2 It is the normal practice to request a formal response from departments to the board's recommendations, once an inquiry report has been issued.
- 1.3 A formal response to the recommendations has now been received. This is attached as appendix 1.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required.
- 1.5 Any recommendations which have not yet been completed will be included in future quarterly recommendation tracking reports to enable the Board to continue to monitor progress.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether further scrutiny involvement is required.

Background papers  
None